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SUBJECT: BILATERAL WITH VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER SCHACHT

1. I HAD A BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH SCHACHT BEFORE THE CLOSING SESSION ON THE AFTERNOON OF NOV 12. AFTER PLEASANTRIES, I SAID THAT, WHILE WE HAVE OUR DIFFERENCES, THE COMMON INTERESTS WHICH WE SHARE ARE MUCH, MUCH GREATER. SCHACHT RESPONDED THAT THIS WAS TRUE, BUT BECAUSE THESE COMMON INTERESTS ARE SO GREAT AND NATURAL, THEY TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES; WE SHOULD WORK TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS WHICH DIVIDE US. HE SUGGESTED THAT EITHER THE UNITED STATES SEND A SPECIAL ENVOY TO VENEZUELA, OR THAT THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT SEND ONE TO WASHINGTON TO DRAW UP A COMPREHENSIVE AGENDA OF BILATERAL PROBLEMS. HE, SCHACHT, WOULD THEN COME TO THE UNITED STATES TO DISCUSS THE AGENDA WORKED OUT BY THE ENVOY WITH APPROPRIATE U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. I RESPONDED THAT I FELT THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO WORK HARDER IN RESOLVING OUR BILATERAL DIFFERENCES, AND THAT THE SPECIAL ENVOY IDEA SEEMED LIKE A GOOD ONE. I SAID THAT PERHAPS BILL ROGERS WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE PERSON TO GO TO VENEZUELA TO TALK ABOUT SUCH AN AGENDA, SINCE HE HAD NOT YET HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT VENEZUELA SINCE
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TAKING OVER AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

2. SCHACHT SAID THAT HE WANTED TO MAKE CLEAR THAT
VENEZUELA FIRMLY BELIEVES THE UNITED STATES SHOULD
REMAIN IN THE OAS AND THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM.
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